



March 23, 2009

Tyrone Kelley, Forest Supervisor
Six Rivers National Forest
1330 Bayshore Way
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: GCA - 08

Dear Supervisor Kelley:

Please accept this letter from the BlueRibbon Coalition, a national trail group, as indication of our strong support for your 2008 Ground Operations Grant.

BRC has reviewed this grant and believes the high quality expert level single track motorcycle experience - often connected by forest roads - is an valued OHV gem in Northern California.

BRC believes the requested grant amount will allow for much needed maintenance on the designated trails in the Pilot Creek Area. As you know, this trail system was one of the first formally designated trail networks in Northern California. While the grant amount may seem high for maintenance of "typical" OHV trails, the rugged nature of this area makes the cost potentially higher than for more easily accessed trails.

BRC commends the Forest Service for using the California Conservation Corps to perform the trail work and believes federal agencies should utilize (when appropriate) the Cs when there is not a substantive local volunteer labor pool to recruit from or the rigors of the task is beyond the practical scope of volunteer work.

Sincerely,

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